

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An email screening system comprising:
a recipient computer connected to a network;
an email screening server connected to the recipient computer over the network;
a sender computer; connected to the recipient computer and the email screening computer over the network;
wherein said recipient computer further comprises software instructions for forwarding all email messages received to the email screening server; and
wherein the email screening server further comprises software instructions for screening the email for viruses and notifying the sender computer that the email will be forwarded to the recipient computer for a fee.
2. (Original) The email screening system of claim 1 wherein the recipient computer further comprises a password assigned to the recipient computer by the email screening computer.
3. (Currently amended) The email screening system of claim 2 wherein the instructions stored by said email screening server further comprise software instructions for holding all email messages without the password.
4. (Currently amended) The email screening system of claim 2 wherein the email screening server further comprises software instructions for alerting the recipient computer that an email message without the password is being held by the email screening computer.
5. (Currently amended) The email screening system of claim 4 wherein the software instructions stored by the email screening server further comprise software instructions for charging the sender associated with a sender computer a fee to forward said email message without the password to the recipient computer.

6. (Currently amended) A method for detecting viruses in email and administrating email for a recipient comprising:

an email screening server connected to a network assigning a password to an email recipient connected to the network;

software on a recipient computer rerouting email received by the email recipient computer to the email screening server over the network;

screening the email by the email screening server for viruses;

forwarding screened email to a recipient computer if the email possess a recipient password; and

holding email at the email screening server when the email is without the recipient password.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

notifying the recipient computer that the email without the recipient password is being held;

notifying ~~the~~ a sender computer that the email without the recipient password is being held; and

charging ~~the~~ a sender associated with the sender computer a fee for sending the email without the recipient password.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 further comprising:

providing the recipient computer with the option to receive the email without the recipient password.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 further comprising sharing the fee charged to the sender with the recipient associated with the recipient computer when the recipient computer accepts the email without the recipient password.

10. (Currently amended) A method of virus screening of email comprising:

a recipient computer re-routing received email from a the recipient computer to a seanning screening server over a network;
the screening server scanning the email for a virus;
the screening server notifying the sender computer of the email that the scanned email will be sent to the recipient computer for a fee;
the screening server sending the scanned email to the recipient computer over the network if the fee is paid; and
sharing the fee with a recipient associated with the recipient computer.

11. (Currently amended) The method of virus screening of email of claim 10 further comprising:

the seanning screening server establishing a password for the recipient;
the recipient notifying selected email senders of the password;
the seanning screening server scanning the email for the password;
the seanning screening server forwarding the email from the selected senders when the email possesses the password; and
the seanning screening server making no charge to the selected e-mail sender.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising automatically forwarding email when said email message has an identification password.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising:

sending a notification message to said sender computer when an identification password is not detected; and
charging said a sender associated with the sending computer a fee to send said email to said recipient computer.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:
sharing a portion of said fee with said recipient.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
- sending a notification message to said sender computer and said recipient computer when an identification password is not detected; and
 - providing a recipient with an option to pay for screening and sending said email when said sender does not pay for screening and sending said email.